

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a heating assembly with a PTC element, in particular for a motor vehicle, ~~according to the precharacterizing clause of claim 1.~~

Please insert the following at page 1, line 7:

**BACKGROUND**

Please insert the following at page 1, line 36:

**SUMMARY**

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1.

Please insert the following at page 3, line 9:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Please insert the following at page 3, line 33:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To bring about optimum efficiency of the PTC element 2, the ratio  $\frac{R_{PTC}}{R_b} \frac{P_{PTC}}{P_b}$  should be chosen to be as great as possible. Furthermore, however, the ratio of  $P_{adhesion + PTC}$  without enforced relaxation /  $P_{adhesion + PTC}$  after enforced relaxation should lie as close as possible to 1. In this case, the ratio of  $\frac{R_{PTC}}{R_b} \frac{P_{PTC}}{P_b}$  lies in particular between about 4 and 40 and the ratio of  $P_{adhesion + PTC}$  without enforced relaxation /  $P_{adhesion + PTC}$  after enforced relaxation lies between about 1.2 and 1.02.